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E.O. 12065: GDS 3/12/86 (CLARK, WILLIAM) OR-P
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SUBJECT: PLAN FOR "LIAISON BODY" BETWEEN TWO NDP KIMS - REJECTED AS THEIR RIVALRY BECOMES MORE PUBLIC

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1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AS EXPECTED, KIM YOUNG-SAM AND HIS VICE PRESIDENTS REJECTED THE PROPOSAL FOR A "LIAISON BODY" BETWEEN THE NDP PRESIDENT AND KIM DAE-JUNG THAT THE LATTER HAD PROPOSED AT THEIR MEETING MARCH 6 (REFTEL). THE VOTE WAS CLOSE, HOWEVER, WITH KIM YOUNG-SAM JOINED BY VICE PRESIDENTS LEE KI-TAEK AND LEE MIN-WOO. TWO VICE PRESIDENTS, PARK YOUNG-ROK AND KOH HEUNG-MOON, VOTED IN FAVOR OF ESTABLISHING THE BODY. THE REMAINING VICE PRESIDENT CHOUGH YUN-HYONG, WAS NOT PRESENT.

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KIM YOUNG-SAM SAID AFTER THE MEETING THAT IT WAS "INAPPROPRIATE" TO ESTABLISH A BODY FOR A POLITICAL PARTY TO NEGOTIATE WITH A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL, KIM DAE-JUNG, WHEN TOLD OF THE MEETING'S DECISION.

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THE LATTER CLAIMED THAT

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HE HAD ONLY HOPED FOR A PRIVATE MEANS OF DISCUSSING SUCH ISSUES AS PARTY UNITY WITH THE NDP LEADER AS AN INDIVIDUAL.

3. MEANWHILE, ONE OF KIM DAE-JUNG'S STAUNCHEST SUPPORTERS IN THE ASSEMBLY, LEE YONG-HEE, DEMANDED THAT AT LEAST 100 OF DISSIDENTS BE APPOINTED TO THE NDP'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WHICH PRESENTLY HAS 300 MEMBERS. THE NDP SHOULD ALSO GIVE FIVE SEATS IN ITS 25-MEMBER POLITICAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL AND ONE VICE PRESIDENCY TO THE DISSIDENTS, SAID LEE. TO AVOID THE SPLIT BETWEEN THE TWO NDP KIMS, WHICH IS DAILY BECOMING MORE VISIBLE, A GROUP OF ABOUT 40 NDP ASSEMBLYMEN LED BY OH SE-EUNG HAS SIGNED A DOCUMENT ASKING THAT THE TWO KIMS SETTLED THEIR PROBLEMS PEACEFULLY.

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